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Illicit Trade of Tobacco Products
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government has received data from Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) about the illicit domestic trade of tobacco products has increased fourfold along with corresponding increase of illegal tobacco import during the last three years and the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT- wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to counter the illegal tobacco trade?

Answer

The MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JAYANT SINHA)

(a)and(b) The details of illegal tobacco import detected by Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) during the last three years and the current year State/UT- wise is enclosed at Annexure-A

(c) Directorate of Revenue Intelligence issues alerts and advices to field formations from time to time to keep strict vigil so as to prevent/check smuggling in the country.